

Save the Horse Farms Campaign

A major focus of the MHC Legislative Committee in 2010 will be a new "Save The Horse Farms" campaign. We are enlisting volunteers from each county to help gather stories about the effect of county regulations on horse farms, as well as to gather local ordinances and recruit local committees who want to work for reform at the county level. The committee has outlined the following objectives for this initiative.

- Draft a detailed survey to inquire into individual farm owners' experience with county level governmental entities and issues with any specific zoning ordinances
- Name County Coordinator and create County Committees
 - Collect and organize data from farm owners, county council, and county park and planning entities
 - Collection of relevant zoning ordinance language
 - Collection of case history of farms having specific issues with governmental entities
 - Collection of data on horse farms, non-horse farms, and use of open space at the county level
 - Collection of data on grain/hay farms that have now been sold for development purposes
- Review of federal and other legislation to protect and preserve horse farms
 - Kentucky
 - Washington State
 - New York
- Review of federal and state level legislation for agricultural and open space preservation
- Draft and Release Report
- Implement legislative objective arising from the data collection at the state and local levels

Anyone interested in sharing experiences for this effort or in becoming involved in any way should contact Amy Krengel Samman at ajk@FDALAW.com.